

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-50 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1, 17, 20, and 41-46 are amended. The amendments do not introduce new matter into the above-identified application.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 1, 17, 20, and 41-46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for containing improper Markush language. In view of the above amendments to Claims 1, 17, 20, and 41-46, this rejection is obviated. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn and a Notice of Allowance be issued.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully assert that the rejections of the claims as set forth in the Office Action have been addressed and overcome. Applicants further respectfully assert that all elected claims are in condition for allowance and request that an early notice of allowance be issued. If issues may be resolved through Examiner's Amendment, or clarified in any manner, a call to the undersigned attorney at (404) 879-2433 is respectfully requested.

No fees are believed due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 09-0528.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffery B. Arnold", is written over a horizontal line.

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